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# S. 3860

To require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Mrs. McCASKILL (for herself, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. REPORTS ON MANAGEMENT OF ARLINGTON**

4                       **NATIONAL CEMETERY.**

5       (a) REPORT ON GRAVESITE DISCREPANCIES.—Not  
6 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
7 Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the com-  
8 mittees of Congress specified in subsection (c) a report  
9 setting forth an accounting of the gravesites at Arlington  
10 National Cemetery, Virginia. The accounting shall—

1           (1) specify whether gravesite locations at Ar-  
2           lington National Cemetery are correctly identified,  
3           labeled, and occupied; and

4           (2) for each gravesite that is not correctly iden-  
5           tified, labeled, or occupied, set forth the remedial ac-  
6           tions to be taken to address the deficiency.

7           (b) GAO REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT  
8           OF CONTRACTS.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
10          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
11          Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-  
12          mit to the committees of Congress specified in sub-  
13          section (c) a report on the management and over-  
14          sight of contracts at Arlington National Cemetery.

15          (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-  
16          graph (1) shall include the following:

17                (A) The number, dollar amount, and dura-  
18                tion of current contracts at Arlington National  
19                Cemetery over the simplified acquisition thresh-  
20                old.

21                (B) The number, dollar amount, and dura-  
22                tion of current contracts for automation of bur-  
23                ial operations at Arlington National Cemetery,  
24                including contracts relating to the Total Ceme-  
25                tery Management System (TCMS), the Geo-

1 graphic Information System (GIS), the Inter-  
2 ment Scheduling System (ISS), the Interment  
3 Management System (IMS), and new or modi-  
4 fied versions of the Burial Operations Support  
5 System (BOSS) of the Department of Veterans  
6 Affairs.

7 (C) An assessment of the management and  
8 oversight by the Executive Director of the Army  
9 National Cemeteries Program of the contracts  
10 covered by subparagraphs (A) and (B), includ-  
11 ing the use of and actions taken for that pur-  
12 pose by the Corps of Engineers and the Na-  
13 tional Capital Region Contracting Center of the  
14 Army Contracting Command.

15 (D) An assessment of the actions taken by  
16 the Executive Director of the Army National  
17 Cemeteries Program in response to the findings  
18 and recommendations of the Inspector General  
19 of the Army in the report entitled “Report of  
20 Investigation and Special Inspection of Arling-  
21 ton National Cemetery Final Report (Case 10–  
22 04)”, dated June 9, 2010.

23 (E) An assessment of the implementation  
24 of the following:

1 (i) Army Directive 2010–04 on En-  
2 hancing the Operations and Oversight of  
3 the Army National Cemeteries Program,  
4 dated June 10, 2010, including, without  
5 limitation, an evaluation of the sufficiency  
6 of all contract management and oversight  
7 procedures, current and planned informa-  
8 tion and technology systems, applications,  
9 and contracts, current organizational  
10 structure and manpower, and compliance  
11 with and execution of all plans, reviews,  
12 studies, evaluations, and requirements  
13 specified in the Army Directive.

14 (ii) The recommendations and actions  
15 proposed by the Army National Cemeteries  
16 Advisory Commission with respect to Ar-  
17 lington National Cemetery.

18 (F) An assessment of the adequacy of cur-  
19 rent practices at Arlington National Cemetery  
20 to provide information, outreach, and support  
21 to families of individuals buried at Arlington  
22 National Cemetery regarding procedures to de-  
23 tect and correct current errors in burials at Ar-  
24 lington National Cemetery.

(G) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of transferring jurisdiction of Arlington National Cemetery and the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION THRESHOLD DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “simplified acquisition threshold” has the meaning provided that term in section 4 of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 403).

(c) SPECIFIED COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The committees of Congress specified in this subsection are—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives.

(d) REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMY DIRECTIVE ON ARMY NATIONAL CEMETERIES PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress reports on execution of and compliance with Army Directive 2010–04 on Enhancing the Oper-

1 ations and Oversight of the Army National Ceme-  
2 teries Program, dated June 10, 2010. Each such re-  
3 port shall include, for the preceding 90 days or 180  
4 days (as applicable), a description and assessment of  
5 the following:

6 (A) Execution of and compliance with  
7 every section of the Army Directive for Arling-  
8 ton National Cemetery, including, without limi-  
9 tation, an evaluation of the sufficiency of all  
10 contract management and oversight procedures,  
11 current and planned information and tech-  
12 nology systems, applications, and contracts,  
13 current organizational structure and manpower,  
14 and compliance with and execution of all plans,  
15 reviews, studies, evaluations, and requirements  
16 specified in the Army Directive.

17 (B) The adequacy of current practices at  
18 Arlington National Cemetery to provide infor-  
19 mation, outreach, and support to families of  
20 those individuals buried at Arlington National  
21 Cemetery regarding procedures to detect and  
22 correct current errors in burials at Arlington  
23 National Cemetery.

24 (2) PERIOD AND FREQUENCY OF SUBMITTAL.—

25 A report required by paragraph (1) shall be sub-

1       mitted not later than 90 days after the date of the  
2       enactment of this, every 90 days thereafter through  
3       two years after the date of the enactment of this  
4       Act, and every 180 days thereafter through five  
5       years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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